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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Dear Sir:

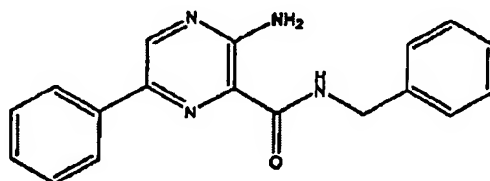
In response to the Office Action mailed on February 6, 2006 with respect to the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Applicants elect the species encompassed by formula I for initial examination and specifically elect the species of formula I where in $n=0$, R^1 is H and R^2 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{Phenyl}$ for preliminary examination. This compound, 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid benzylamide, Example 3 on Table 1, was in the original application as filed. The structure of this compound is shown below:



No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 are drawn to this species. Claims 5-11 are withdrawn, pending the examination of the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to have the remaining claims rejoined in this application and further reserve the right to pursue the remaining claims in divisional or continuation applications.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been put in condition for allowance. Notification to this affect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss this matter if any questions should arise upon further examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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